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Clinic Resources and Information

Federal Clinic Designations

For listing of clinics and their designations for California, go to <http://ask.hrsa.gov/pc/> and select California and leave everything else blank.

HRSA: Starting a Rural Clinic - A How-To Manual

<ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/RHCmanual1.pdf>

CMS Rural Clinic Fact Sheet

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/2006rhc.pdf>

Rural Assistance Center (RAC) - Rural Health Clinics web page

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/rhc.php

RHC Certification and Survey Information:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/rh/>

Rural Assistance Center (RAC)

Federal Qualified Health Center web page

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/fqhc.php

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Medicare Information

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/fqhc/>

Technical Assistance for RHCs on Quality Improvement

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/rhc/index.htm>

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) contact for HPSA/MUA information and new QA Improvement Program. Apryl Clark, HRSA Liaison, 301-594-3730 or e-mail: apryl.clark@hrsa.hhs.gov

Rural Assistance Center – RHC Frequently asked Questions:

www.raconline.org/info_guides/clinics/rhcfaq.php

California State Office of Rural Health

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/prhcs/Programs/CalSORH/ContactSORH.htm>

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Hospital Resources and Information

CMS Critical Access Hospital Fact Sheet

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/2006cah.pdf>

HRSA Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (CFDA 93.301)

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/ship.htm>

HRSA Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/flex.htm>

CMS – Critical Access Hospital Center

Payment, Certification/Compliance, Resources, Manuals, Education

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/cah.asp>

Rural Assistance Center (RAC) – Critical Access Hospital page

http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/hospitals/cah.php

Rural Health Care at Risk: California Small & Rural Hospitals

Informative article by Sharon Avery

http://www.csrha.org/bulletin/special_risk.pdf

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Shortage Areas/ Rural and Frontier Demographics by County

Department of Health Services – List of Licensing and Certification District Offices

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/lnc/org/default.htm>

Department of Health Services – Rural Health Clinic Application Link

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/publications/forms/l&c/clinics.htm>

Information on California's Medically Underserved and Health Professional Shortage Areas

<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/oshpdKEY/ShortArea.htm>

Shortage Areas – California and Federal

<http://www.ruralhealth.ca.gov/shortageareas.htm>

Demographics of California's Rural Medical Services Study Areas by Region and County

<http://www.ruralhealth.ca.gov/ruralmssas.htm>

Rural Maps

<http://www.ruralhealth.ca.gov/demographics.htm>

California Data Sources:

Automated Licensing Information and Report Tracking System

(ALIRTS) - provides public access to view the submitted utilization data as well as facility licenses.

<http://www.alirts.oshpd.ca.gov/>

Health Information Resource Center catalog - provides healthcare data and reports for: Hospital, Long Term Care, Clinics, and the listing all the latest products available to the public.

<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HQAD/HIRC/index.htm>

California Statistic Health Resources – provides healthcare statistics for AIDS, Diabetes, Injury, Maternal and Child Health, State and Local Health Statistics, STD, and vital statistics

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/home/statistics/>